receiving feedback from industry and intervention and facilitation is done, whenever found necessary.

Monitoring Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty

1703. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken up for development of infrastructures of commerce and industry relating to the Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty;

(b) whether Government are properly monitoring the pros and corns of the Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty; and

(c) if so, the details of benefits of the trade treaty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Among measures taken up for development of infrastructure for enhancing the trade and economic interaction between the two countries is the development of Tamu-Kalemyo-Kalewa road which connects Moreh-Tamu trade point to Kalewa and will link up further to Mandalay v/hich is the second biggest city and commercial centre of Myanmar. Another measure is the construction of a bailey bridge ov^er river Tiau on which work has already commenced. This will further improve the transport connectivity between Champai (India)—Rih (Myanmar). Myanmar Government has agreed in principle that the Champai-Rih trade point provided for in the Border Trade Agreement could be operationalised thereafter. In addition, Government of India and State Governments have jointly taken up development of border towns so as to facilitate flow of trade. These measures would increase economic interaction between Myanmar and India's north-eastern region and promote development of these areas.

(b) and (c) The Government of India has been reviewing the status and progress of various Articles under the Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty through periodical bilateral trade talks from time to time. The benefits of the Treaty may not be immediately visible, but, are expected to accrue to people on both sides in the long term.